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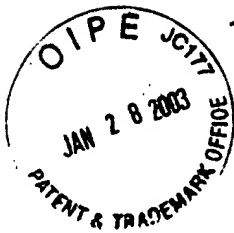
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RESPONSE A-1

In response to the Office Action of August 7, 2002, (and the Office letter of December 23, 2002) kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacing it with the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims the priority of application Serial No. 60/179,107 filed January 31, 2000 for Ice Breaker Mat, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to mats used to assist people walking on accumulated ice.

U.S. Patent No. 4,060,947 to Naka describes a flexible non-skid strip with